

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A recording apparatus comprising:

a plurality of recording drives recording
information containing video data;

5 a determining section determining after recording
is programmed and during activation of a task of
executing the programmed recording, whether or not that
one of the recording drives, on which the programmed
recording is executed, is being accessed by another
10 task;

an interrupting process section interrupting said
another task and enabling the task of executing the
programmed recording to execute the programmed
recording on said one of the recording drives, if the
15 determining section determines that said one of the
recording drives is being accessed by said another
task; and

an executing section executing the programmed
recording using said one of the recording drives.

20 2. The recording apparatus according to claim 1,
further comprising a judging section judging, if the
determining section determines that said one of the
recording drives is being accessed by said another
task, whether or not realtime recording can be executed
25 by simultaneous access, to said one of the recording
drives, of the task of executing the programmed
recording and said another task, wherein if the

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realtime recording is impossible, the interrupting process section interrupts said another task.

3. The recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the interrupting process section includes a section which suspends said another task currently using said one of the recording drives, and said apparatus further comprising a section which restarts said another task after finishing the programmed recording.

4. The recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the interrupting process section includes a section which forcibly finishes said another task currently using said one of the recording drives.

5. A recording method for use in a recording apparatus having a plurality of recording drives recording information including video data, comprising the steps of:

determining, after recording is programmed and during activation of a task of executing the programmed recording, whether or not that one of the recording drives, on which the programmed recording is executed, is being accessed by another task;

interrupting said another task and enabling the task of executing the programmed recording to execute the programmed recording on said one of the recording drives, if said one of the recording drives is being accessed by said another task; and

executing the programmed recording using said one of the recording drives.

5 6. The recording method according to claim 5, further comprising the step of judging, if said one of the recording drives is being accessed by said another task, whether or not realtime recording can be executed by simultaneous access, to said one of the recording drives, of the task of executing the programmed recording and said another task, wherein if the
10 realtime recording is impossible, said another task is interrupted.

15 7. The recording method according to claim 5, further comprising the steps of suspending said another task currently using said one of the recording drives and restarting said another task after finishing the programmed recording.

20 8. The recording method according to claim 5, wherein said interrupting step includes a step of forcibly finishing said another task currently using said one of the recording drives.

25 9. An information recording medium storing a control program for use in a recording apparatus having a plurality of recording drives which record information including video data, the control program comprising:

determining, after recording is programmed and during activation of a task of executing the programmed

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recording, whether or not that one of the recording drives, on which the programmed recording is executed, is being accessed by another task;

5 interrupting said another task and enabling the task of executing the programmed recording to execute the programmed recording on said one of the recording drives, if said one of the recording drives is being accessed by said another task; and

10 executing the programmed recording using said one of the recording drives.

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